

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Marcelli on Thursday, June 18, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Amendment dated 3/25/2009:

Claim 1, line 14, after "back surfaces" insert --and directly joined to said shock absorbers--,

Claim 1, line 35, after "cart" insert --; wherein said platform has a height substantially less than a height of said upper portion--.

Cancel claims 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-3, and 9-11 are allowed. Claims 9-11 have been renumbered as 4-6, respectively.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art off record fails to teach or fairly suggest, in combination with all the elements recited in claim 1, a planar platform having wheels directly attached to and disposed underneath the bottom surface, shock absorbers being mounted over and directly joined to the top surface of the platform and having vertically oriented axes, the planar bottom surface of

the upper portion directly joined to the shock absorbers, with the platform having a height substantially less than a height of the upper portion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Takahashi and Schubert both show structures similar to various elements of applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HANH V. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-6868. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on (571) 272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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